

# California Energy Commission Collaborative State Transmission Assessment Workshop

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#### **Six Primary Business Platforms**

#### **➤** MidAmerican Energy

Distributes electricity and natural gas to 1.3 million customers in Iowa, Illinois, South Dakota and Nebraska.

#### **CE Electric UK**

Distributes electricity to more than 3.6 million customers in the Northeast of England and across Britain.

#### CalEnergy

Owns and operates power plants in Illinois, Arizona, California, New York, Texas and the Philippines.

#### Kern River Gas Transmission Company

Owns and operates a 1,679-mile gas pipeline from Southwestern Wyoming to near Bakersfield, California.

#### Northern Natural Gas

Owns and operates 16,600 miles of pipeline from Texas to the upper Midwest.

#### HomeServices

Second-largest residential real estate brokerage company in the United States, based on closed transactions.

# MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company



- Executive offices Omaha, Nebraska
- Corporate headquarters Des Moines, Iowa
- ➤ Privately owned by a four-party investor group Berkshire Hathaway is the largest shareholder
- Business in U.S., U.K., Philippines, Poland and Australia
- > 4.9 million electric & gas customers
- > \$5.5 billion annual revenue
- > \$17 billion in assets
- > Approximately 11,000 employees
- > Approximately 10,000 MW of generation capacity
- www.midamerican.com

## **Renewable Generation**



- Advantages of renewable energy (lessons from 2000-01):
  - Fuel diversity
  - Indigenous (fuel security)
  - Price stability
  - Environmental benefits
- > S.B. 1078 enacted. Now what?
- Nevada IOUs unable to meet RPS goals
- > Transmission access: major barrier for entry
  - Must build where resource is located
  - Frequently in remote areas

### **Transmission Issues**



- > Timetable
- > Equitable way to pay
- Constraints already in system
  - Stranded electrons in Mexico
- Which way out?
  - West to San Diego
  - Northwest to greater Los Angeles area
  - Northeast to Nevada
  - East to Arizona
  - Involvement of munis and IOUs

# Potential Geothermal Development by CalEnergy

Existing
340 MW

Under Development
185 MW

Proven
600 MW

Additional Possible 1,100 - 1,200 MW

➤ Total Salton Sea KGRA 2,225 – 2,300 MW

Proven – Evaluations of the geothermal field by GeothermEx, a reservoir engineering consulting firm.

Possible – Potential reserves estimated by The Energy and Geoscience Institute ("EGI") at the University of Utah, as recently published in articles.

Additional existing resources: About 180 MW (See www.geo-energy.org)

